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Nine years prior to a deadline for state agencies to reduce annual energy consumption by 30 percent, Western Carolina met the goal. Two years before a deadline to cut petroleum use 20 percent, WCU did. Some benefits have been financial: The university saved more than \$600,000 last year on its annual \$4.8 million energy bill. The critical benefit, though, is environmental: By burning fewer fossil fuels to generate electricity and power vehicles, WCU has reduced related emissions, such as carbon dioxide, that accelerate global warming.

"We must continue to take action to reduce our carbon footprint, or as we call it at WCU, our carbon paw print," said Lauren Bishop, energy manager. "It's not just about saving money, meeting state or federal requirements or saving the planet. Climate change could affect such things as our food and water supply, and when you realize that, you realize every action we take to reduce our carbon footprints and our collective campus paw print is about saving the people. As humans, we

tend to forget how delicate the balance of nature is in our daily lives."

This spring, Western Carolina will select and hire an energy services company to comprehensively assess campus energy use, identify conservation measures and install equipment or institute changes to reduce energy consumption. The cost of the project will be paid from money the university saves in energy costs as a result of the improvements. The energy savings are guaranteed by the energy services company, which absorbs the expenses if savings are not realized.

Contracting with an energy services company is the latest initiative in ongoing energy awareness, analysis and conservation efforts on campus.

About three years ago, WCU was able to make a significant reduction in energy consumption by seizing an opportunity to tap into a natural gas pipeline and use natural gas to power the steam plant instead of No. 6 fuel oil, which is less energy-efficient. "Plus, the combustion of natural gas

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This Is the Last Issue of The Reporter... In Print

As a cost- and paper-saving measure, The Reporter will no longer be printed on paper for campuswide distribution.

Starting Monday, Jan. 26, a weekly e-mail will announce when new stories and content for faculty and staff have been posted on The Reporter's Web site at <http://reporter.wcu.edu>.

Users will be able to print The Reporter content from their computers.

If you or your co-workers do not have easy access to a computer and would like to continue reading The Reporter, please contact Teresa Killian in the Office of Public Relations at 227-3079 or killian@wcu.edu about where to find printouts of The Reporter's stories, announcements and calendar.

Perry Schoon Named Dean of Education and Allied Professions



Perry Schoon

Perry L. Schoon, senior associate dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas at Arlington, is the next dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions. Schoon's appointment comes after a nearly yearlong nationwide search. Schoon, who also has served as associate dean for assessment and technology at UT Arlington, will be taking over the reins on June 1 from Michael Dougherty, who will retire as dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions.

"Western Carolina was founded as a teacher's college, and Perry Schoon will be leading the College of Education and Allied Professions at one of the most exciting times in its history," Provost Kyle Carter said. "He is joining us as we ratchet up our efforts to prepare a larger number of graduates for careers in education to help solve a statewide shortage of classroom teachers, which is one of the top priorities of University of North Carolina Tomorrow."

UNC Tomorrow is a study by the state university system to identify the most pressing needs facing North Carolinians and to develop plans for UNC institutions to meet those needs.

"Dr. Schoon will fit right in with the current cadre of deans," Carter said. "He is very smart, collegial, ambitious and entrepreneurial."

Schoon also will play a key leadership role in helping plan a new building for the College of Education and Allied Professions. "Because of Dr. Schoon's extensive background in technology, he will be a great asset to the faculty as it programs a building to create an enriched learning environment supported by technology," Carter said.

The university's master plan calls for a 163,000-square-foot School of Education building to be developed as part of a neighborhood focusing on learning and education. It would be located on Millennial Initiative property on the opposite side of N.C. Highway 107 from the main campus.

"The college is highly regarded for its preparation of professional educators. The faculty, staff and students are impressive and engaged in many new and exciting initiatives," Schoon said. "I look forward to building on the great legacy Dr. Dougherty has established and collaborating with the faculty to ensure that the college continues to provide students with learning experiences of the highest quality."

Schoon will lead a college that is growing its student enrollment and earning national recognition, including the 2007 Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teacher Education Award presented by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the 2006 Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award presented by the Association of Teacher Educators.

Prior to joining the dean's office at UT Arlington in 2006, Schoon served as interim associate dean of northern campuses for the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University, where he also was chair of the department of instructional technology and research, and vice president of the faculty assembly. He taught previously at Illinois State University and in junior and senior high schools in Tampa, Fla. He earned his bachelor's degree in technology education from Illinois State in 1989, master's degree in technology education from Ball State University in 1990, and doctorate in educational administration from Illinois State in 1997.

Schoon, a native of Roanoke, Ill., traces his career to his high school industrial arts teacher, Russ Furr, who mentored him and his interest in technology education and introduced him to a professor who worked in the field.

"He was such an excellent teacher," said Schoon. "It is because of him that I now understand that teacher recruitment truly does start in high school."

He and his wife, Kelly, have been married for 12 years and have two daughters, 8-year-old Rylee and 5-year-old Sawyer.

In other leadership changes in the college, Dan Grube, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, will become interim associate dean, effective Jan. 1. Grube will succeed Dale Carpenter, who is stepping down from the administrative position to return to the faculty.

—By BILL STUDENC

Campus Rec Center Readies for New Year

With a new year under way, many people are thinking about the personal resolutions made when the clock struck midnight and confetti fell, marking the beginning of 2009. And for those who pledged to become more physically active, Western Carolina University's Campus Recreation Center can help.

"As a member, you can participate in all programs at the CRC," said Kellie Angelo Monteith, director of campus recreation and wellness and assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. "For example, get your fitness off to a good start with a personal trainer, participate in the Group Xercise classes, and bring your kids to 'Kids Climb.'"

The center will begin the new semester with a Group X Jam, an event that allows individuals to try short segments of a variety of classes, meet the instructors and win prizes, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14. And beginning Jan. 20, the CRC will hold Rec Fest '09, a first-time program that will include free Group X classes, a three-point basketball shootout, a sports club fair, a ski trip to Cataloochee with Base Camp Cullowhee, an indoor soccer tournament, fitness workshops and more.

In addition, the center will hold Get Help, Get Fit, a program that will provide a semester of free fitness resources to two faculty or staff members and two students.

"We had a fun, exciting and busy opening semester," said Monteith. "Our students and members have been more than patient and gracious as we have continued to work out the bugs of running a new facility. I truly believe the new recreation center has added a special element to our campus."

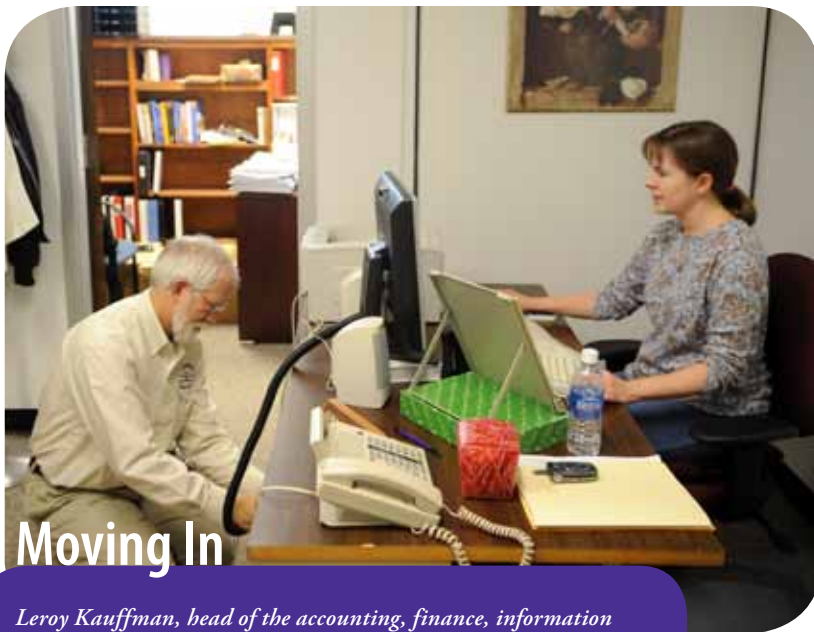
During the fall semester, the center had approximately 260 faculty, staff, spouses, dependents and retirees members. The trend for the busiest days in the fall were Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with more than 1,000 visits.

"I have had a wonderful experience at the new Campus Recreation Center this fall. The facility, the equipment and the friendly staff are all fantastic, and there are so many different things to try that it is easy to stay motivated," said Alison Joseph, social and clinical research assistant for WCU's Office of Institutional Research and Planning. "I've found that working out at the CRC is good for my body and my mind and is one more way to get involved and enjoy the campus community."

—By BESSIE DIETRICH GOGGINS



For more information
about the center's
memberships,
programs
and events,
call 227-7069.



Moving In

Leroy Kauffman, head of the accounting, finance, information systems and economics department, and Dona Potts, administrative secretary for the department, were among the faculty and staff from the College of Business who moved back into the renovated Forsyth Building in late December. In other moves, the Graduate School and Research office relocated from Camp 109 to Camp 110.

Newsfile

- **Patricia Bricker**, assistant professor of elementary and middle grades education, received the 2008 Jo Duckett Wallace Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Service in Science Education at the Elementary Level, an award given by the North Carolina Science Teachers Association.
- **John Whitmire**, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, recently presented the paper "Apocalyptic 'Madness': Reading 'Ecce Homo'" at an international conference in London. The conference was organized by the University of London's Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies for the 100th anniversary of the publication of German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche's autobiographical work, "Ecce Homo."
- **James Zhang**, associate professor and director of the graduate program for engineering technology, has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs in the Kimmel School. Zhang joined the faculty in 2003 and has published more than 30 articles and been granted seven U.S. patents during his tenure at WCU. "James has dedicated himself to teaching, scholarships and engagement and is highly respected across the university for his leadership in all of these areas," said Robert McMahan, dean of the Kimmel School, in announcing the appointment.

Staff Forum at Western Carolina Becomes Staff Senate

Members of Western Carolina University's Staff Forum, which represents the interests and concerns of SPA and EPA non-faculty staff members, voted in December to rename the organization the Staff Senate.

"We hope that changing the name from

Staff Forum to Staff Senate will help clear up some of the confusion about what we actually are," said Donna Welch, chair of the Staff Senate's governance committee and executive assistant in the Division of Student Affairs. "The new name also

makes us more consistent with other staff groups throughout the University of North Carolina system and with the Faculty Senate."

Read more about the organization at <http://staffforum.wcu.edu>.

Carbon Paw Print Shrinks on Campus Continued from cover

doesn't produce sulphur emissions, so our emissions are a lot lower," said Bill Manware, assistant director of the physical plant.

In the summer and fall of 2007, WCU reduced the amount of petroleum used by campus vehicles by purchasing biodiesel, a blend that is 20 percent vegetable oil and 80 percent diesel, and E10, a blend of ethanol and unleaded gas, for campus vehicles.

Meanwhile, the university is expanding its fleet of neighborhood electric vehicles and promoting walking, biking, carpooling (see <http://www.wcu.edu/studenthomepage/rideboard/> to find or offer a ride) and driving practices that avoid unnecessary idling.

WCU also is incorporating energy-efficient measures into construction planning and building repairs and maintenance. Initiatives range from replacing incandescent lightbulbs as needed with compact fluorescent lightbulbs to designing the planned health building to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, certification requirements.

Upgrades to building automation systems across campus also are increasingly enabling staff members such as Al Laster, an energy management specialist who began working with Bishop in May, to use a computer to schedule or modify heating, air conditioning and lighting in campus buildings based on planned activities and operations.

Energy management software that generates comprehensive reports from individual meter readings further helps Laster and Bishop forecast energy needs. "It has helped us tremendously," said Bishop. "We also use the software to track our greenhouse gas emissions, which has increased our accountability and improved our energy-use planning."

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, and Thursday, Feb. 5, Western Carolina will participate in a national teach-in designed to generate discussion about solutions for global warming. Last year, the event, which was called "Focus the Nation," drew more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff members.

"Conservation is key to reducing our carbon paw print, and key to conservation is awareness of what we can each do to reduce our energy use," said Bishop.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

DID YOU KNOW?

- The university installed low-flow water fixtures in residential living areas that in two months saved more than 2.1 million gallons of water – a monthly savings of \$3,406.
- The temperature of campus buildings is reduced to 55 degrees when not in use.
- The campus has six neighborhood electric vehicles.
- WCU is one of 91 colleges and universities selected last year for a pilot study of a Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

THE Reporter Calendar

Jan. 12 – 25

Monday, Jan. 12

All classes begin – (227-7317)



Lady Catamount basketball – vs. Chattanooga. 7 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7338)

Tuesday, Jan. 13 Catamount Concert Series – Terri Armfield, oboe. 8 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Thursday, Jan. 15 Staff Senate – 8:30 a.m. Cardinal Room, UC. (227-3107)

Lipizzaner Stallions – 7:30 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7677)

Friday, Jan. 16

Bobby Shew, jazz trumpet – 8 p.m. FAPAC. (227-7242)

Saturday, Jan. 17

Malcolm McNab, trumpet – lecture and recital. 3 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Lady Catamount basketball – vs. UNC-Greensboro. 4 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7338)

Trumpet ensembles – 5 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Paul Merkelo, trumpet – 8 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Sunday, Jan. 18

Trumpet teachers forum and recital – 10 a.m. RH. (227-7242)

Monday, Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Offices closed, no classes meet. (227-7317)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Part I – Volunteer with Mountain Trace Nursing Center, Mountain Projects and Project F.I.R.E. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (227-2592)

Film – “Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin.” Discussion to follow. 7 p.m. UC theater. (227-2276)

Catamount basketball – vs. Georgia Southern. 7 p.m. RRAC. \$. (227-7338)

Tuesday, Jan. 20

“Dream Realized?! ... A Discussion with a Purpose” – A review of Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech and how it relates to the campus and today’s society. 6 p.m. Multipurpose Room, UC. (227-2276)

Catamount Concert Series – Dennette Derby-McDermott, flute. 8 p.m. RH. (227-7242)

Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 20-22

“Tales of Trickery” – From Theatre in Education. 7:30 p.m. Niggli Theatre. \$. (227-7242 or 227-7491)

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Lunchtime musical theater performance – 12:20 p.m. Auditorium, MHC. (227-7242)

“A Celebration of Dreams” – Martin Luther King Jr. celebration address by Julianne Malveaux, economist, author, commentator and president of Bennett College. 7 p.m. Grandroom, UC. (227-2276)



Check out the WCU events calendar at <http://calendar.wcu.edu>.

Thursday, Jan. 22

“Creative Dreams: An Artistic Exploration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” – Performance of “The Meeting” by the Black Theater Ensemble; readings by middle and high school essay contest winners; display of student art. 6 p.m. UC theater. (227-2276)

Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24

“The Last Five Years” – By Broadway composer Jason Robert Brown. 7:30 p.m. Studio Theatre, FAPAC. \$. (227-2479)

Friday, Jan. 23

University Club TGIF – For members and their guests. Robbie Burns Supper to follow. 5 p.m. UClubhouse, Central Drive. \$. (227-3933)

“An Evening of Spoken Dreams” – A tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. 8 p.m. Club Illusions, UC. (227-2276)

Saturday, Jan. 24

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Part II – Students from WCU, Mars Hills College and Warren Wilson College will help meet the needs of youth-focused agencies. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (227-2276)

Sunday, Jan. 25

“The Last Five Years” – By Broadway composer Jason Robert Brown. 3 p.m. \$. Studio Theatre, FAPAC. \$. (227-2479)

KEY: \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CCB—Cordelia Camp Building; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoeys Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HL—Hunter Library; HS/CF—Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC—Mountain Heritage Center; NSA—Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH—Recital Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC—Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC—A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BW—Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

Submissions: Send news items, calendar notices and address changes to Reporter@email.wcu.edu or WCU Calendar, 420 H.F. Robinson Building. Submit items for The Reporter calendar at least four weeks prior to the event.

Calendar Gets New Look

The WCU events calendar maintained by the Office of Public Relations has a new look. Check it out at <http://calendar.wcu.edu>. This calendar will be linked to the future online editions of The Reporter newsletter for faculty and staff.

For information about publicizing campus events, use the online form at the top left of the calendar Web site or contact Jill Ingram, public relations writer and chief copy editor, at 227-2988 or jingram@wcu.edu.



Exhibits

Fine Art Museum

Sculptural ceramics by James Tanner – Abstract, masklike ceramic forms from the School of Art and Design’s artist-in-residence for February. Jan. 22–March 8.

“Inspired Design: Jacquard and Entrepreneurial Textiles” – Featuring leading artists of innovative textile design. Jan. 22–March 8.

“Worldviews” – Selections from the permanent collection. Ongoing.

Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Thursday; 1–4 p.m. Saturday. (<http://fapac.wcu.edu> or 227-3591)

Mountain Heritage Center

“Corn: Milling, Tilling and Stilling” – Slideshow spotlight, January.

“Migration of the Scotch-Irish People” – Text panels, illustrations, artifacts and murals that trace the Scotch-Irish Appalachian settlers from Ulster to Pennsylvania, through the Shenandoah Valley, and into Western North Carolina. Gallery A. Permanent exhibit.

Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday. (www.wcu.edu/mhc or 227-7129)